

**\*\*\* NOTICE – CHANGES TO COVID-19 TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MOO ATTENDEES \*\*\***

The situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic has been evolving over the past months since we opened registration for the Gathering. In light of some of the recent changes affecting availability of the various types of Covid tests, we have decided to make some changes to the testing policy for the November 4-6, 2022 Gathering.

- **PCR or NAAT Rapid tests are still preferred – HOWEVER:**
  - These tests can now cost up to \$139 out-of-pocket if you are not in one of the qualified groups or not covered by insurance
  - The definition of “Qualified Groups” can vary by state, insurance provider and testing location.
    - Please check with your local test provider (e.g., Walgreens, CVS, etc.) to see if your insurance will cover asymptomatic testing for your health situation.
- **We will now also accept At-Home Over-the-Counter (Rapid-Antigen) test results – including the free government-issued tests - IF**
  - You can attest to having **at least two negative test results** within 24-48 hours of your arrival at the Gathering. **Having three negatives is better.**
    - Example: Test Negative on Wednesday and/or Thursday and then Test Negative again on Friday before you leave to come to the Gathering.
  - According to the CDC, this does not guarantee that you are not infected with Covid-19 but having multiple negative results does increase confidence in those results. Please refer to the links below:
    - [CDC Guidelines on At-Home Tests](#)
    - [FDA info on Home OTC Tests](#)
- Of course, you must be asymptomatic to come to the Gathering regardless of which type of test you take.
  - **If you are exhibiting flu-like symptoms PLEASE DO NOT COME**– even if it turns out to be regular cold or flu. We will refund your registration if you cannot come because you are sick.
- In light of the increased risk associated with less precise testing, **masks will be required in indoor spaces and group settings** (e.g., workshops and jams).
  - Exceptions are for performers on-stage, for eating/drinking, and in your bunk room.
- **WE RECOMMEND** that you wear a mask when out and about in the days leading up to the Gathering to reduce your risk of contracting the virus before it is detectable in testing.
- Different colored stickers will be provided to place on your name badge in order to visually indicate your comfort level around others. (Colors are subject to change based on availability)
  - **RED:** I’m keeping my distance (please keep at least three feet from me)
  - **YELLOW:** Ask me before handshakes/hugs
  - **GREEN:** I’m ok with handshakes, hugs, and high-fives!

We saw this idea and decided to shamelessly steal it from the kind folks at FARM (The Folk Alliance Midwest Region.) We know a good idea when we see one!
- **REMEMBER** that by registering for the Gathering you have affirmed that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and up to date (boosted).
- If you are not comfortable with these changes in testing policy and choose not to come, we will cancel and refund your registration.